

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 13, 17, 19-20, 24, 45-46 and 49-51 are pending.

Applicants note with appreciation the time and effort taken by the Examiner during an interview conducted on July 26, 2011. Based on that interview, applicants are amending claims 20, 42 and 49-51, and canceling claims 18, 23, 44 and 47. As agreed, these amendments should place this application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending objections and rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura, at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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